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HE HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A ROUND-UP OF INTERVIEWS WITH THE CHIEF MAKERS OF EUROPEAN POLICY. HE HAS TALKED WITH MOST OF THE STATESMEN OF THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES OF EUROPE. THE SPEAKER WILL BE

JAMES A. FARLEY

FORMER POSTMASTER GENERAL

Mr. Farley will give us an unusual account of what he has learned on his trip abroad. Besides, when he was Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, he could forecast a Presidential election to a vote and will, undoubtedly, reveal a new slant on what went wrong with the pollsters.

DON'T FORGET THE THANKSGIVING MORNING PARTY FOR THE YOUNG FRY TO SEE THE MACY PARADE.. SEE DETAILS ON NEXT PAGE!!!

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DON'T FORGET THAT NEXT YEAR MARKS THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLUB... EGBERT WHITE, CHAIRMAN OF THE DINNER COMMITTEE, HAS PLANS FOR A SPECIAL CELEBRATION OF IT.

HOSTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22nd... Monday, November 22nd - Kathryn Cravens; Tuesday, November 23rd - Meeting of the Board of Governors at 8:30 P.M. in the club-rooms; November 24th, Wednesday - Kenneth Giniger; Thursday, Thanksgiving - Club open till 2 P.M.; Friday, November 26th - Club open as usual from 9:30 A.M. until 6 P.M.; Closed over weekend.

SPECIAL ... YOUNG FRY OF OPC ... Thanksgiving morning in the OPC clubrooms is reserved for the foreign correspondents of the next generation. THE MACY PARADE OF THANKSGIVING MORNING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, PASSES RIGHT UNDER THE WINDOWS OF THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB ... PLAN TO COME ABOUT TEN A.M. TO TEN THIRTY A.M. SO THAT EVERYONE WILL BE WELL ESTABLISHED IN ONE WINDOW OR ANOTHER BY 10:45 A.M. PEPPERMINT, GUM-DROPS AND COCA COLA WILL BE SERVED TO THE FUTURE OF JOURNALISM (?????) WHILE THE PROUD PARENTS MAY HAVE STRONGER STUFF.....

Russel Hill of the N.Y.Herald Tribune will head the Paris Bureau of that paper as of next month while Walter Kerr will come back from that assignment to take the position of Foreign Editor of the Herald-Tribune here in New York... The Paris edition of the Herald Trib now boasts about 50,000 copies per day with distribution in 25 countries. The edition is now being sent to South America as of this week.

Charles Hodges, head of the Rural Broadcasting Chain, who has just returned from a trip to Europe, says that the Air Lift is showing the Russians in Berlin that a political idea is worth fighting for... from an American standpoint.

We understand that the New York Times is trying to work out a European edition... the 3,000 copies of the Times sent to Europe each day by Air France seem to be selling well -- but a Paris edition would be preferable.

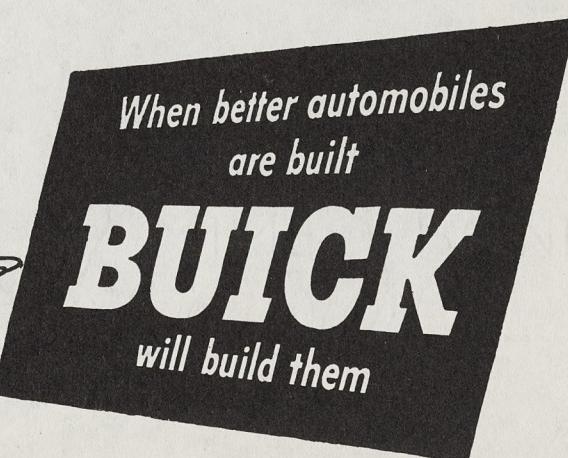
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PICTURE.... APROPOS OF ASSIGNMENTS ON A FREE LANCE BASIS OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.... ONE BUREAU HEAD IN PARIS TOLD SOME OPC MEMBERS IN THE CLUB BAR THE OTHER DAY THAT THERE IS AN AVERAGE OF SEVEN PEOPLE APPLYING FOR JOBS EVERY DAY.....

Bob Shaplen, formerly of Newsweek and a Niemann Fellow last year, is now on assignment for Fortune Magazine.

FROM A MUNCIE, INDIANA, MEMBER: "Is writing a job or a profession? It is neither. It is a disease. In Webster's Unabridged dictionary, the disease is described as Cacoethes Scribendi -- a mania, or itch, to write stuff....."

Frederick Birchall, former managing editor of the New York Times and now retired, was reported visiting in New York last week. He has returned to his home in Canada.

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Richard De Rochemont, producer of March of Time, has been one of a committee of four to select wines, from competing vineyards, which will be served at the annual dinner of the Chevaliers du Tastevin on December 8th at the Hotel St. Regis. Many OPC members were guests of that remarkable organization in France -- the burning question was always "how did you make the steps of the ladder???????"

Drew Middleton, reporting from Berlin for the N.Y.Times, writes that the new Tegel airbase, the new airfield in the French sector, has not begun to function yet because of fog. The Soviet sectors of Berlin have seen a tightening on the Germans there as the Russians issue new identity cards by the "People's Police," according to Middleton.

Arthur Settel has been appointed deputy to the director of OMGUS PIO, William Haggard, former city editor of the International News Service and managing editor of the Washington Post, who will head a single unified public information office in Frankfurt embracing the present functions of the Bipartite Control Group, the Joint Export-Import Agency and the ECA public information offices. Settel has served with the War Department bureau of public relations in Washington, the Air Forces, etc.

Latest information has revealed that Stars and Stripes, (Frankfurt Edition) the managing editor of which is Kenney Zumwalt, enjoyed the visit of Hugh Conway of the N.Y. World Telegram last week, who is over on a short trip to do some pieces for Pat Mitchell of Argosy Magazine. Hugh did an article for the edition entitled "How I Broke the Slot Machine at Monte Carlo".

It appears that Stars and Stripes has divorced WEEKEND and that the Jones Bros. have gone independent. They are printing in Paris and putting out a good product.

Bert Perkins of Fairchild Publications has returned to Paris after several weeks' business trip to New York, and the Middle West.

Julian Bach, formerly of Life magazine, is the editor and co-publisher of a new publication "Carousel" which is now in its fund raising period after a year and a half's work of full development of the form the publication will take.

Richard Tregaskis who returned from a trip around the world several months ago, has written the fourth of his series of eye-witness accounts for True magazine's November issue. It describes the major revolution now going on in India and Ramji Lal who is one of the men winning it.

WILL MEMBERS INFORM THE OFFICE OF PUBLICATION DATES OF THEIR FORTHCOMING BOOKS? THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION.

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WHAT THE ENGLISH THINK OF US, by Fred Venderschmidt, from Robert J. McBride & Co.

Bob - we agree with this by mail
John Donovan of the National Broadcasting Co. reports that Richard Mowrer, known to many members, is in New York.

WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE BERLIN PRESS CLUB NOW??? PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU KNOW.

Larry LeSueur of Columbia Broadcasting Co. now covering the United Nations Assembly in Paris reported this morning on the CBS World News Roundup at 8 A.M. that after General Marshall returns from his interview with President Truman, scheduled for next Monday, the American policy on Palestine should be clear.

Jack Connolly of the State Department says that Mary Franzoni Kelly, former member of the club, is now living in Larchmont, New York.

Latest news indicates that Sam Dashiell, one of the founders of the Overseas Press Club, is now with the American occupation Command in Tokyo.

Stanley Swinton of the Associated Press who has been assigned to Singapore for the past months is returning to the States in mid-December--- Press Notes from Southeast Asia: Ian Morrison, London Times veteran, has been roaming around China for the past six months to get the complete picture of that country's conflict; Bill Sydney Smith of the Daily Express is now in Singapore to cover Southeast Asia - he and his wife arrived from Rome, full of the latest gossip on Libero and the Stampa Esteria...

MORE NEWS FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA: Jack Percival, who has both Australian and British connections, has been bounced out of Burma where the Burmese government is reported to be pretty tough on correspondents these days. Emilie Brown has quit United Press and is enroute home... Harris Jackson of the Associated Press has returned to Singapore after a swing through Jogjakarta (where he was the only American correspondent during the Communist revolt), Bangkok and Indo-China. He says that most of the reporting out of Bangkok is of the "opium pipe" variety. Singapore press gang now calls the Bangkok area "The lie factory".

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In the November 20th issue of Collier's, Bill Davidson writes about Lester Pratt, C.P.A. who catches bank embezzlers; Pat Frank authors a short, short story entitled "Jack Pot" and Larry Blochman has another one of his master mystery yarns called "Riviera Renegade."

WHAT ABOUT BUYING AUTOGRAPHED COPIES OF THE OPC BOOK "AS WE SEE RUSSIA" FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR GOOD FRIENDS????? MANY MEMBERS HAVE STARTED GIVING ORDERS FOR THIS PURPOSE. ALSO LOOK FOR THE ADS ABOUT THE BOOK TO APPEAR IN THE BOOK REVIEW SECTIONS OF THE TIMES AND HERALD TRIBUNE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28th.

Robert Brumby, of McNaught syndicate, has a new radio program on Station WINS from 11:30 P.M. to midnight six nights a week.

In Bruce Gould's Ladies Home Journal for November, Dorothy Thompson discusses "The Affinity of War and Peace" in an editorial while Gretta Palmer writes that an ex-alcoholic can lead a full life - as evidenced by one John Freeman who had his last drink fifteen years ago.

The dinner of the Overseas Press Club on the East Side at the Turtle Bay restaurant on November 10th proved a drawing card despite the rain. Members agreed that they had rarely eaten so much or better food than that prepared by the Brothers Brugnoli. Mark Gayn's new book "Japan Diary" was the jackpot of the evening and was won by Larry Blochman. Glimpsed around were Cipro Benedetti, William Henry Hamilton, Audrey Davenport, Morris Appelman, Mary Heaton Vorse, Alphonse Summit, Charles Morrow Wilson, Leander Fitzgerald, Hal Boyle and his guest Murray Becker of AP, etc.

Tom Fitzsimmons, ace photographer of the Associated Press, who has returned from more than three years of covering the trouble spots of the Middle East and the Mediterranean, was accompanied by his beautiful Italian wife.

Tom had everybody rolling with laughter as he described the change of accreditation cards (accomplished by magic) necessary for reporters covering the war in Palestine--British, Israelite and Arab. Fitzsimmons says that the war in Palestine is over -- that the Jews have been excellent fighters and that Abdullah has carried the brunt of the Arab side. Asked about Count Bernadotte, the speaker said that he had been trying to do an honest job and that his tragic killing was an unnecessary act. He reported that Dr. Bunch, UN delegate, is trying to do everything possible under difficult circumstances.

Fitzsimmons said that the British want to get out of Palestine and have wanted to do so for many months and that the ordinary British soldier is not interested in what happens there.

The pub bar of the Turtle Bay restaurant was filled afterwards -- with many AP pals of Fitzsimmons and club members continuing to ask questions about his trip.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor



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